

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA**

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SETTING UP OF AERA

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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government proposed to set up Airport Economic Regulatory Authority (AERA) to review traffic structure for aeronautical services and to monitor pre-set performance standards at Indian Airports;
- (b) if so, whether a legislation has been enacted in this regard;
- (c) if so, the details thereof;
- (d) whether AERA will also monitor Army or Paramilitary Airports; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL)

(a), (b) & (c) An independent Regulatory Authority namely, Airport Economic Regulatory Authority (AERA) is proposed to be set up to perform following functions in respect of major airports:

- (i) to determine the tariff structure for the aeronautical services;
 - (ii) to determine the amount of the development fees
 - (iii) to determine the amount of the passengers service fee levied under rule 88 of the Aircraft Rules, 1937 made under the Aircraft Act, 1934;
 - (iv) to monitor the set performance standards relating to quality, continuity and reliability
 - (v) to call for such information as may be necessary to determine the tariff;
 - (vi) to perform such other functions as may be entrusted to it by the Central Government. For this purpose, AERA Bill, 2007 has been introduced in Lok Sabha on 5th September, 2007. The Bill has been referred to the Department related Parliamentary Standing Committee on Transport, Tourism and Culture.
- (d) & (e) No, Sir. However, AERA will perform prescribed functions in respect of Civil Enclaves at such airports provided such Civil Enclaves are 'major airports'.